

Western State Hospital
Staunton, Virginia

***Local Human Rights Committee Meeting Minutes
Jeffreys Building, Room 95 at 12:30 p.m.
February 27, 2006***

Present: Karen Cochran, Ski Washington, Marge Brimmer, Debbie Harris, Committee Members; Chuck Collins, Regional Advocate; Randy Urgo, Advocate; Susan Frushour, Director's Liaison; Rebecca Currin, VOPA
Absent: Stephen Ryan, Flora Haas, Lee Godfrey, Committee Members; Mark Seymour, CCCA Advocate

Karen Cochran, Chair, called the meeting of the Local Human Rights Committee to order on February 27, 2006. Minutes of the January 23, 2005 meeting were approved. A quorum was present to conduct business.

The Liaison's Secretary asked for clarification on the format and content of Committee minutes with regard to the FOIA. After Committee discussion and input from the Advocates, the format will remain the same.

The Committee reviewed paperwork submitted for an individual for ECT that was found to be in order.

Randy Urgo reviewed the Advocate's Report and reported on Margaret Walsh's response to Committee questions on conducting ECT review of paperwork over the telephone, stating three (3) days' notice would have to be given and a meeting of a quorum of members held. Mr. Urgo had a questionnaire from ESH on ECT and stated he will get copies to members for their feedback. Mr. Urgo showed the Committee the "Human Writes" newsletter put out by the SHRC.

Rebecca Currin reported on VOPA issues regarding discharge of forensic patients, patients with chronic mental illness and secondary health problems, and patients from out-of-catchment areas.

A final review was given to the Committee By-laws with Section 4.2 being deleted. After the correction is made to the By-laws, the Advocate will send a final copy to the SHRC for approval.

Ms. Frushour reviewed the Barriers to Discharge Report and also reported on additional funding for an individual's discharge and the variance for another individual. Discussion followed on DAP funding and Ms. Currin will find out about the status of new DAP funds and will send an e-mail out to members.

The next meeting will be held March 24, 2006.

APPROVED:

Margaret Bowman
Secretary, LHRC

Karen Cochran
Chair, LHRC